



*Do your students know where their food comes from?*



*Or the important role that agriculture plays in their daily lives?*



*Help your students learn more about the agricultural world around them by booking a free Farm 2 Table field trip at the Fairgrounds in Hamburg*

*Details inside...*

***2024-2025***

## About Farm 2 Table

Farm 2 Table is an award winning agricultural education *field trip* designed for students grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. The program is presented by the Erie County Agricultural Society, as their continuing commitment to agricultural education in Western New York. Field trips are offered in the Agriculture Discovery Center, the Agricultural Society's state of the art agricultural education facility.

Each field trip is designed to teach students about the importance of agriculture in their lives and engage their natural curiosity through multi-modal approaches. All lessons are age specific and aligned with Common Core Mathematics and English Language Arts standards.

## About the Agriculture Discovery Center

The entire field trip takes place in our climate controlled state of the art agricultural education facility opened in August of 2014.

## Length & Size of Group

Each field trip begins at 10:00am and concludes at 12:00pm (facility for lunch available until 12:45pm). Groups larger than 120 students will be divided into two field trip dates.

## Programs

**Just like the agricultural world around us, the Farm 2 Table field trips have monthly themes based upon the agricultural events of the season.**

**Field trips are available for Kindergarten through 5th Grade and are**

### September—Dairy vs Beef Cattle

Which cattle give us the most milk? Which cattle give us better cuts of meat? In September, students will learn about cattle, compare and contrast dairy and beef breeds and learn about the products cattle farmers bring to our table for three meals a day.

**September 16th—20th & 23rd—27th**



### October—Fall Harvest

The leaves are falling, the days are getting colder and pumpkins, apples and corn are abundant. October is harvest time in New York State! Learning stations on apples, pumpkins, and corn will teach students all about these New York crops.

**October 15th—18th & 21st—22nd**

### November—Thanksgiving Favorites

Thanksgiving is a holiday about food, and food comes from the farm of course! Students on the November field trip will learn about where holiday staples come from including: turkey, cranberries and potatoes.

**November 4th—8th & 12th—15th**



### December—Trees and Treats

From Pines to Maples; trees are an important part of agriculture. In December, students will get the opportunity to learn about: Softwood Trees and Hardwood Trees. In addition to learning about a tasty holiday treat many people love...chocolate!

**December 2nd—6th, 9th—10th  
& 12th—13th**

## **Fees**

Farm 2 Table Field Trips are a completely FREE program open to all Kindergarten through Grade 5 classrooms in Western New York. This program is developed, produced, and funded by the Erie County Agricultural Society (ECAS). Additionally, the Erie County Agricultural Society will help subsidize busing costs, by paying \$100 per busload of students. As a self-sustaining, not-for-profit membership corporation, ECAS relies on funds earned by hosting the Erie County Fair to make these field trips possible.

## **Cancellation Policy**

Any changes must be called in no later than 24 hours prior to your visit. If you must cancel due to inclement weather, please contact us as soon as possible at 716-818-8823 and leave a message if after hours.

For more information or to book a field trip call Agriculture Education Coordinator Ellen Pritschau at (716) 649-3900 ext. 6413 or email [ellenp@ecfair.org](mailto:ellenp@ecfair.org).

## **Programs Continued...**



### **Breakfast on the Farm**

Who likes French toast with maple syrup? Students will learn how this breakfast staple comes from poultry, wheat and sugar maple trees.

**February 24th—28th ,**

**March 3rd—7th & 10th—11th**

### **Springtime**

Flowers begin to bloom, bees are buzzing and baby ducks learn how to swim in the pond...it's Springtime on the farm! In this session, students will learn about gardening and planting skills, honey bees and waterfowl.

**April 22nd—25th , 28th—30th &**

**May 1st—2nd , 5th—8th**



### **Animals on the Farm**



June is Dairy month so there is no better time to talk about where the milk you pour on your cereal comes from. Many livestock species are born in the late Winter and early Spring so now they are bouncing around the pastures. Besides being cute and fuzzy, why do farmers raise sheep and goats? What products do we get from them? In June, stations include: Dairy, Sheep and Goats.

**June 2nd—6th & 9th—13th**

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